

Please support competition! In the old sk00l telecom industries, even with existing pro-competitive regulation, the default provider remains unhealthily dominant, and constantly attempts relief from competitive pressure by influencing regulation rather than by providing a better product. My AT&T Broadband cable account has been nothing but a nightmare -- my service went out within a month of activation, and though AT&T has occasionally sent indifferent techs out to try and fix it, it has been down continuously for more than six months now. I'd like to turn to an alternative provider, who, though unlikely to have any maintenance ability on the cables, would nonetheless help me apply pressure on AT&T to track down the problem with the line.

But there are none of those providers. I've had to switch to DSL, at three times the expense. This is always the result in anti-competitive industries -- the consumer pays more.